



Maddie Raye Laird

June 28, 1996 - October 30, 2022

Maddie Raye Laird, 26, Topeka, Kansas, died unexpectedly of natural causes, Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Maddie was born June 28, 1996, in Topeka, the daughter of Matthew and Tracy Schreiner Laird and was a 2015 graduate of Seaman High School. Maddie was a member at Woolly Farms and worked at Boone & Bounty, Meriden, where she was one of the best baristas and ice cream scoopers ever. We, Maddie's family, are so thankful for the opportunity she was given and the friendships she made.

Everything about Maddie's personality was BIG! She loved her family and friends fiercely. She loved a good party and always hated to leave. She loved animals. She loved planning her birthday. She had no hate in her heart and was a bright light to all who knew her. Maddie was a kind, genuine and sweet soul whose love for others was unmatched.

Maddie's favorite things were cowboys, the Fourth of July and getting all gussied up. Let's make Maddie's send-off bright and colorful by dressing in her favorites for her services.

Grateful to have shared Maddie's life are her parents, Matt and Tracy; her brother, Eli Laird; her sister, Ava Laird; grandparents, Ben and Bev Schreiner

and Dick and Linda Laird; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 3, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maddie Raye Laird Memorial Fund, to be used for scholarships through Seaman High School, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Rochester Cemetery

1200 NW Menninger Rd
Topeka, KS 66618

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maddie Raye Laird



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 01, 2022 at 02:17 PM

LL

So so very sorry for your loss. Couldn't even imagine. Your in my thoughts and prayers ❤️🙏 Lovely video and tribute ❤️

Lori Lux - November 01, 2022 at 05:23 PM

MC

Sorry for your loss.

matt cuevas - November 01, 2022 at 05:35 PM

NL

So very sorry for your loss. Hold her memories close to your hearts!! Thoughts and prayers.

Nancy (Conaway) Lohse - November 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM

MA

Maddie u we're great friend am glad I got to meet ur be really missed

Marissa - November 03, 2022 at 10:56 AM

BS

Jeff and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of your precious daughter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Her beautiful and loving memories will be with you every day and always. Luvs ❤️

Barb Sumpter - November 03, 2022 at 01:41 PM

VR

tracy and family so sorry for your loss. my grandson masen goes to woolly farms. did not know the connection until i talked to latonia. our thoughts and prayers are with you. vicky,masen,and latonia

vicky ribordy - November 03, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *Maddie Raye Laird*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RC

“ *Matt , Tracy and Family. Sorry for the passing of your Daughter. Your Families are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time in life. So Young in Life to loose a loved one, Your Daughter may have passed away but her memories will live on for a lifetime in the Community. It looks like she touched a lot of lives, and was very devoted in the community.*

Rick Cyr - November 12, 2022 at 10:11 PM

AJ

“ *To Matt and Family,
Sending love and prayers across the miles to all, asking God to send you His Peace.
Love,
Angela (Davis) Jeppesen, Matt's classmate from Topeka Lutheran
Morgantown, WV*

Angela (Davis) Jeppesen - November 03, 2022 at 09:56 PM

JH

“ Tracy and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy of the loss of your beautiful daughter. I Have no words to ease your pain but please hold onto all of your wonderful memories to help get you through. Our faith tells us we will all be together one day and what a joyous reunion that will be. Please know your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy and Gina Herman - November 03, 2022 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ Dick, Linda and family,
All of you are in my prayers. Thinking of you at this difficult time.
Susan (Ismert) Streit

Susan (Ismert) Streit - November 03, 2022 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ Tracy and family, your share group at Aldersgate are so sorry to learn of Maddie passing. We only knew her through you. We all love you.
Love Margaret B. and all in our grief group.

Margaret Boughton - November 03, 2022 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ My heart goes out to you in the loss of your sweet Maddie. I remember her going through my line in the lunch room at SMS and then seeing her at various Seaman events and how happy she always was. Praying for comfort and peace as your family deals with this time of sorrow.

Cheri Berggren - November 03, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 03, 2022 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 02, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 02, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Maddie had one of the sweetest hearts and will be dearly missed. As a Mammoth employee, I always looked forward to seeing Maddie at B&B. Her positivity and smile was contagious and if everyone was more like her, the world would be a better place. I am heartbroken for her family & friends and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. - Erica*

Erica - November 02, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 02, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Corby, Stacy, Hunter & Sydney Polzar purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



Corby, Stacy, Hunter & Sydney Polzar - November 02, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *I will never look at another chicken without thinking of Maddie, or watch another fireworks show without knowing she's watching right along with all of us down here. She will continue to live in my memories forever.*

Sara Warnow - November 02, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Matt, Tracy and families, We were so sorry to read of your loss of your beautiful daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Phil and Joy (your old NHJHS math teacher) Davis*

Joy Davis - November 02, 2022 at 11:01 AM

DA

“ November 2, 2022

Dear Mrs. Schreiner and Family,

On behalf of your Topeka Public Schools family, we are deeply saddened by the passing of your niece and student volunteer, Maddie Raye Laird. Please know and trust that you are not alone as you journey through this very difficult time. The Topeka Public Schools family, the staff at Landon Middle School where Maddie volunteered, are thinking of your entire family. It's been shared by so many staff members how incredible Maddie's impact was and we thank you for sharing her with us. Many staff members have described her as full of energy, laughter and joy. It's been shared by many staff members that she was a joy to be around and all of our staff remembers her fondly. Please know Maddie's impact lives on through all she knew and through our students and staff she touched. Given Maddie volunteered at Landon, we will be placing a name plate inscribed with her name in a book (selected by her Aunt Stacey and our staff) that reminds all of Maddie who often spent time in the Landon library.

Take solace in remembering the joy Maddie brought to all she knew through her infectious smile. May your positive memories uplift and comfort you and your family. We thank you for sharing Maddie with Topeka Public Schools.

Your family remains in our thoughts and prayers.

*Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Superintendent of Schools
Topeka Public School District
Unified School District 501*

Dr. Tiffany Anderson - November 02, 2022 at 10:51 AM

JG

Tracy, Matt, Eli, Ava and the many family members who were blessed to know and love Maddie, you are in my thoughts and prayers. It did not surprise me when I read that Maddie loved the 4th of July, because she was a cute, "little firecracker" when I met her as a preschooler. Although I only knew her at a young age, I can see in the lovely video the joy Maddie spread throughout her life. I feel blessed for the time she shared with me.

Jill Glinka - November 02, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 02, 2022 at 10:37 AM

LA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Maddie. She was a bright light and I always enjoyed visiting with her. I work at Mammoth and moved out of state this last spring, but still travel back to Meriden frequently. When I come back, I normally find a comfortable spot to work at Boone & Bounty and Maddie was usually there to welcome me. During my most recent visit (the last week of September), I brought my 8-month-old daughter with. We were enjoying ourselves at B&B and Maddie was going through Barista training at Mighty Beast. When Maddie was done, she immediately came over by us and sat down on the floor next to my daughter. The two instantly clicked and continued to play for the next 20-minutes or so. This memory warms my heart.*

Maddie was one of the sweetest souls and will be dearly missed. I will hold her in my heart and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Lauren - November 02, 2022 at 10:22 AM

DH

“ Allison was a friend of Eli and always spoke so highly of Maddie, she loved everything about her. I didn't know her personally but through Allison I knew what a fantastic person she was. I will be praying for your peace throughout your grief ❤️

Dana Heineken - November 01, 2022 at 10:35 PM

PK

“ Being so far away, I didn't get to know Maddie, but the love she shared and gave to everyone around her was evident in all the stories I heard throughout the years. She always seemed to be smiling. I remember one story of how resourceful she was, asking Ava to wear her Fitbit all day, to get her steps up to her goal. I love that story!! She has a special place in my heart. My prayers are with all of you, Tracy Matt Eli and Ava and your family. I know she will be incredibly missed. I love you all!

Patti Koerner - November 01, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.



November 01, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.



November 01, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Our hearts go out to all of you. I remember her always having a smile on her face. Maddie and Mikayla were in the same class together. Actually they walked down together at graduation. Both of my girls remember how happy and excited she was in school. The Marshall and Lady family send hugs and prayers to you all.*

Dana Marshall-Lady - November 01, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 07:52 PM

 Laurie Lewis

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Maddie's passing. I remember her smile as she walked into classrooms - it lit the whole room up. Laurie Lewis*

Laurie Lewis - November 01, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maddie Raye Laird.*



November 01, 2022 at 05:23 PM

JH

“ Tracy, Matt and family, I am so sorry to hear about Maddie. I remember when Zack and her were in preschool together. May you memories help get you through the hard times. My thoughts and prayers are with your whole family at this time.

Julie (Germonprez) Hall

Julie (Germonprez) Hall - November 01, 2022 at 05:06 PM

SN

“ Paige & Ella Noyes can't wait to bowl with you again in Heaven. There was a party wherever you went. You made life more fun. See you on the other side. Deepest prayers and sympathies to your family. Love, The Noyes Family

Stephanie Marie Noyes - November 01, 2022 at 04:43 PM

KM

“ So sorry for your loss! Jim, Kelly, Greyson & Khloe Marsh 🙏

Kelly Marsh - November 01, 2022 at 04:33 PM

SN

“ Linda and Dick- we watched her grow up and can't believe she is gone. We are filled with sadness for your lost but joy in the life that was Maddie. Stacy Neumann

Stacy L Neumann - November 01, 2022 at 04:22 PM

PC

“ Bev and Ben and Linda and Dick and family... I pray that your good memories will soon soften your pain of loss and may His perpetual light shine upon her.

Pat Mullin Carter

Pat Mullin Carter - November 01, 2022 at 04:13 PM

DS

“ If an educator is lucky, they come across a student in their career that changes the trajectory of their thought process and the way they teach. I was lucky enough to have that student be Maddie. I am not sure I will ever be able to listen to "Don't Stop Believin" by Journey, ever the same again. There will never be another student like her and she will always have a very special place in my heart. I will cherish the memory and the lessons she taught me always. Thank you, Tracy and Matt, for letting me continue to hold that very special relationship with Maddie so many years later.

Donelle (Stevens) Sage - November 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM